GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CROSS BORDER TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to declare Jammu and Kashmir State as a disturbed area invoking emergency powers in order to contain the cross border terrorism sponsored by Pakistan;

(b) If so, the details in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to curb the cross border terrorism?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)(b)&(c): No, Sir. No such proposal to declare the entire State as `Disturbed Area` is under consideration of the Government.

The State Government had, in July, 1990, declared the following areasas `Disturbed ` under section 3 of the Armed Forces (Jammu and Kashmir) Special Powers Act, 1990 :-

Entire districts of Anantnag, Baramulla, Badgam, Kupwara, Pulwama and Srinagar and Areas falling within 20 Kms. of the Line of control in the Districts of Rajouri and Poonch.

A system of periodic review of whether any change is required in `Disturbed Areas` presently declared, has been evolved whereby concerned Agencies including State Government are consulted. In the present context of Government`s Peace Initiative and the prevailing security situation, a change in areas declared as `disturbed` has not been found necessary.

(d): The Government has been adopting a comprehensive approach, to curb terrorism in J&K which includes, inter-alia strengthening of border management, appropriate security force actions in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, improved technology, weapons, equipments for Security Forces, intensive patrolling, encouraging participation of villagers for self defence, etc. through VDC/SPO.